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SUBJECT: ASST: SECY. HOLBROOKE'S TESTIMONY ON ROC/ROK THREATIES

1. REPORTING HOLBROOKE'S MAR 14 TESTIMONY BEFORE HOUSE ASIAN AND
PACIFIC AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEE, MASS CIRCULATION HANGUK ILBO FRONT-
PAGES REPORT FROM THEIR WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT WHICH HAS HOLBROOKE
DRAWING UNFAVORABLE COMPARISON BETWEEN U.S. MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATIES
WITH ROK AND REP OF CHINA (ROC).

2. BESIDES POINTING OUT THAT ROC TREATY IS THE ONLY ONE PROVIDING FOR
"ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COOPERATION", HOLBROOKE IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT
ONLY ROC TREATY REQUIRES THE U.S. TO HELP PROTECT AGAINST "INFILTRATI
ON
OF COMMUNISM". THE KOREAN PHRASE USED COULD MEAN EITHER POLITICAL
AND SOCIAL INFILTRATION OR MILITARY INFILTRATION.

3. THE CONCERN WHICH THE STATEMENT HAS AROUSED HERE IS SOMEWHAT
AGGRAVATED BY BOTH THE AMBIGUOUS TRANSLATION AND THE QUATATION OUT OF
CONTEXT. IN VIEW OF THIS, THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE VERBATIM
TRANSCRIPT OF ASST. SEC. HOLBROOKE'S STATEMENT WOULD BE APPRECIATED.
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